

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Application of:

SHIOZAKI, et. al

Serial No: 09/964,087

Filed: September 26, 2001

For: OPTICAL DISK RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS TO CONTROL LASER POWER TO AN OPTIMAL VALUE AND ENABLE STABLE RECORDING AND REPRODUCING OPERATIONS (as amended)

Art Unit: 2652

Examiner: BATTAGLIA, M.V.

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Dear Sir:

In response to a Office Action dated April 7, 2004 in connection with the aboveidentified application, the period of response being extended to September 7, 2004 by the accompanying Petition for Three-Month Extension of time and fee, applicants respectfully submit a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) of the abovereferenced application. Please consider the following remarks prior to examination of the above-identified RCE application.

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